

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Prospect Park Lakeshore Restoration in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC DPR) Prospect Park, located at 95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215. The funding would be used to redesign and reconstruct the Lakeshore of Brooklyn's flagship park and Brooklyn's only lake to address stormwater management issues that have negatively impacted surrounding communities who have dealt with flooding of their residences due to runoff from the Lake, and also provide ADA access to the community and increase habitat.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because restoration of the Prospect Park Lakeshore will benefit all residents of Brooklyn, and more specifically the diverse communities bordering the park. Approximately 370,000 Brooklynites live in the immediate vicinity of Prospect Park, and abatement of stormwater flooding will improve adjacent communities. The project will also offer increased recreational opportunities to residents, including increased access for elderly and disabled individuals. Prospect Park welcomes more than 10 million visits each year, serving as a significant economic driver for local businesses. This proposed project has received widespread support from community members and organizations, including the local Community Board and elected officials, as well as the Prospect Park Alliance, a non-profit community organization which operates the park in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Department of Housing and Urban Development – CDBG Economic Development Initiative (EDI) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) pertaining to rehabilitation improvements and 5305(a)(5) pertaining to removal of barriers which restrict mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress